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SUBJECT: ZAIRE - CCC AND PL-480 RICE ARRIVALS

1. AG ATTACHE MADE RECENT INSPECTION TRIP FOR SUBJECT RICE ARRIVAL, HANDLING, STORAGE AND TRANSPORT PROCEDURES IN MATADI AND BOMA. FINDINGS WERE REASSURING.

2. RICE SOLD UNDER CCC PROGRAM WAS FIRST TO ARRIVE. IT WAS ALL BEING OFF-LOADED MATADI AND MOVED TO KINSHASA VIA RAIL WITH MINIMUM DELAY. DURING PERIOD CCC RICE ARRIVAL, APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF PL-480 RICE ARRIVED. LATTER WAS BEING OFF-LOADED BOMA AND STORED INSIDE PERMANENT STORAGE FACILITIES. LAST ONE HALF PL-480 RICE WAS TO ARRIVE AFTER CCC RICE. THE PLAN IS TO OFF-LOAD LAST ONE HALF PL-480 RICE AT MATADI AND MOVE IT PROMPTLY TO KINSHASA VIA RAIL. ONCE ALL OF THIS RICE MOVES THROUGH MATADI, THE RICE STORED AT BOMA WILL BE BROUGHT UP BY BARGES AND SHIPPED TO KINSHASA VIA RAIL. THUS THERE WILL BE A CONTINUOUS FLOW OF US RICE INTO THE MARKET FOR SOME TIME.

3. US RICE IS BEING RECEIVED WELL IN KINSHASA MARKET. LOCAL SITUATIONS VARY BUT \$31 PER 100 POUND SACK IS GENERALLY ACCEPTED PRICE. CHINESE RICE IS OF VERY POOR QUALITY AND NOT MOVING WELL AT APPROXIMATELY \$26 PER 100 POUND SACK. SOME LOCAL RICE IS ON KINSHASA MARKET AND SELLING AT APPROXIMATELY \$29 PER 100 POUND SACK. THESE PRICES COMPARE WITH UNOFFICIAL PRICE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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APPROXIMATELY \$80 PER 100 POUND SACK OF 5 MONTHS AGO.

4. US RICE IS READILY ACKNOWLEDGED TO BE OF SUPERIOR QUALITY  
AND ACCEPTABLE TASTE.  
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